



SACRAMENTO AREA CAREER WOMENS NETWORK, INC.

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Next Meeting: Friday, September 16, 1988

Place: Sierra Inn - 2600 Auburn Blvd.

(Directions: Take Business 80 to Fulton exit, turn left onto Auburn, then right into hotel parking lot.)

Cocktails -Social Hour	6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Pre-registered subscribers	\$11.00
Hot Buffet Dinner	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Non Subscribers and subscribers at door	\$16.00
Program	8:00 to 11:00 p.m.	Program only	\$ 6.00

Program:

" SACWN GOES IN SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF NETWORKING LIFE IN SACRAMENTO"

Brought to you by a nearly new and improved Networking Committee.

Guaranteed to be longer lasting and highly effective.

As a result of the Network Bingo night, the Networking Committee recruited some very imaginative and fun-loving volunteers.

They have created a veritable potpourri of fun-filled networking activities that will offer something for everyone at the September meeting.

*"The suspense is relentless... surprise follows surprise...
the work of a profoundly gifted committee....
a must to participate!"*

A program review by the New Dyke Times

Limited seating, so be sure to get your reservations in early!

A SPECIAL REQUEST:

Please bring with you to the meeting an object or picture that represents the geographical area you grew up in.

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STEERING COMMITTEE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The August Steering Committee meeting centered around such issues as the upcoming working retreat for future planning, the 1989 Financial Budget and a new policy for children at events.

A draft agenda submitted by facilitator Anita Gherardi for the upcoming working retreat was discussed; all steering committee members and associates must attend this event.

Financial Coordinator, Donna Becker, presented a detailed budget projection for fiscal year 1988-1989 put together with the help of her sophisticated software package. A final budget is pending the submission of complete data from committees. When completed, each committee and coordinator will be able to see each event in terms of expenses and income and thus project fiscal needs and goals for their future events and programs in order to make them financially feasible for our organization. We are all very impressed with Donna's work and what she has done with our numbers, and we'll have more to report once the budget is finalized.

Finally, a policy was developed for Children at events. In an effort to balance the desire of those of us who are mothers with the concerns about confidentiality from our teachers, the Steering Committee adopted a policy that children would be welcomed to the May Mother's Day picnic in the park event, but otherwise, the events will be for adults only. We welcome and encourage your comments on any of these matters.

Judith Franks
Steering Committee Coordinator

STEERING COMMITTEE BIOS

Joanna Lucia Cassese/
Program Coordinator

Being born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1951 to a traditional male dominated Italian family, I knew early on that I had to move to California and find a wonderful woman to share my life with.

With some detours in Las Vegas, Nevada and Tucson, Arizona, I finally discovered Sacramento and moved here in 1972 - with a wonderful woman to share my life.

My professional training is in X-ray Technology and I worked in a specialized field of X-ray for 13 years. Since 1983 I have been working for General Electric Medical Systems as the X-ray Product Manager for the San Francisco District.

I now live in Crockett in a wonderful house overlooking the Carquinez Straits with my two Keeshounds, Alex and Sabrina.

Most of my time is spent on the road or at the office but when I am home I love to work in my garden, cook, and entertain friends.

Working on the Steering Committee of SACWN, Inc. has given me the connection I need to stay in touch with what I truly love to do, meet people. All of the women I have met have added something very special to my life. It has been a lifting experience.

When I grow old and am living on the coast with my dogs and reading my May Sarton books, I will look forward to the one Friday every month I'll have to share an evening with warm, wonderful women.

NATIONAL LESBIAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

On October 7-10, 1988, the National Organization of Women is sponsoring the first National Lesbian Rights Conference in San Diego. The purpose of the conference is to develop a national lesbian rights agenda. The main focus of the conference will be lesbian empowerment, visibility, and the needs of lesbians of color. Workshops will be held covering such topics as: health care, spirituality, sexuality, lesbian families, legal rights, and coming out in the work place. Featured speakers will include Robin Morgan, Jean O'Leary, Carmen Vazquez, Renne McCary, and Karen Thompson. Entertainment will also be provided by performers Diedre McCalla, Lucie Blue Trembley, and Marga Gomez. For more information contact:

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Phone no. (202-347-2279).

Based on an a poll taken at the July meeting, subscribers overwhelmingly agreed to have SACWN, Inc. endorse this conference.

The Steering Committee has therefore agreed to endorse the National Organization for Women National Lesbian Rights conference by allowing them to utilize our name and acronym on their literature in connection with the convention.

This conference is being endorsed by both lesbian and straight organizations all over the country and the endorsement by SACWN, Inc. in no way indicates that SACWN, Inc. is a lesbian organization.

THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

TIME:
Social Hour 8-9 pm
Dance 9-Midnight

"HOT OCTOBER NIGHTS"

DATE:
Saturday, October 15th

Featuring a live performance
by:
The MOONLIGHTERS

PLACE:
Unitarian Universalist Church

Back by popular demand, the Moonlighters will be providing a delightful evening of live music. Be sure to mark your calendars now for this special event. More details will follow in the October newsletter. Remember you can reserve a ticket in advance at the September meeting or by mailing in the reservation form that will be in the October newsletter.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

We hope you all are enjoying our new expanded format. In the months to come we hope to provide even more feature articles and columns of particular interest to our subscribers. If you care to make any comments or submit articles for publication please contact Yolanda at 444-5868 or Suzy at 678-3581.

If anyone is having any problems with receiving their newsletter or knows of anyone having that problem, please contact Yolanda at 444-5868 for immediate assistance.

ALLOW News

SACWN, Inc. is a member of ALLOW - a coalition of other lesbian groups such as San Francisco based BACW. The purpose of ALLOW is to provide a forum for organizations to exchange ideas and experiences which will help other groups to grow and better serve the lesbian community.

ALLOW also provides a support system to help new groups form. Recently a group has started up in San Diego. In addition, ALLOW is currently working to establish contacts with other lesbian organizations in different parts of the country including Dallas and Portland. Current cities represented in ALLOW are San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Seattle and Anchorage.

One benefit of ALLOW membership is that any SACWN subscriber can participate in any ALLOW member event at the regular subscriber or member cost. If you are going to be visiting one of the ALLOW cities contact Corky at 441-6810 for more information and contact names.

NETWORK FORMING IN FOOTHILLS

A lesbian network is developing within Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado counties. The group will sponsor various groups, activities and services in the foothill area.

For information, contact Violette (916) 272-6650, Pat 273-5240 or Bari 878-0415.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

There has been some confusion about how many times a non-member can attend a special interest group without joining SACWN, Inc. To clarify, non members can attend a special interest group one time and then are expected to join SACWN, Inc. at their next visit.

BRIDGE

The next game will be at 5:30p.m. on Sunday, September 25. All levels of players are welcome. We have had at least two tables of players each time. Call Lise or Vivian for next meeting place, 452-5727.

GOLF

There is a new Executive Nine Hole Course available. Golf club tees off from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Dinner afterward; beginners need not be intimidated. Reserve ahead with Melody, 392-3609. Lesson -- Dori, 428-9401.

SINGLES ONLY

This group is mushrooming -- 42 women at the July event! We are working on entertainment and we need volunteers to help plan each event. Next potluck is Saturday, September 24 at 4 p.m. \$1.00 donation to cover paper products please. Send Lill a self-addressed stamped envelope for directions and food assignment (4416 Juno Way, Sacramento, Ca. 95864), or call 481-3786.

JEWISH WOMEN

Watch for a lox and bagel brunch for Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 11 at 11 a.m. Call Linda, 927-8071. New contact person needed for this group, ASAP.

METAPHYSICAL/SPIRITUAL

Barbara, 929-7154; Cindy, 972-1565

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Ellen, 456-1420

HOUSEBOAT VACATION

Gretchen, 922-6287

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

Kathy, 421-8427

NEW GROUPS

LESBIAN MOTHERS

Interested in a support group for lesbian parents and co-parents? Contact Alyssa or Madlyn at 487-3978.

SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN

At last! A group where you can share the joys and traumas of working for yourself! First meeting: Wednesday, September 21st at 7:30 p.m. Call Aeriell, 452-5503 for location.

Coordinator for Special Interest Groups is Networking Committee Member, Ellie Zacks, 967-0611. Contact her if you have information for the newsletter about a special interest group or if you have a suggestion for a new group.

SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

Congratulations are in order for Debbie Brooks who recently attained her CPA Certificate. Debbie is now running her business out of her home in Browns Valley, A Public Accounting Practice specializing in Small Businesses, Non-Profits and Individuals. You can reach her at 1-743-9668. Debbie has been a SACWN member for over two years. She also built her own Geodesic (dome) home in Browns Valley. Wow!!!! More POWER to you, Debbie!!!!!!

HELP NEEDED/PAID POSITION

A Meeting Recorder is needed to take notes and report minutes at our Steering Committee meetings. This paid position involves about 5 hours a month. Please call Judith at 924-8266 for more information.

MARIAH WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS

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SUBSCRIBER PROFILE - by Lydia

MARGE PAPP

Very few of us have an opportunity to experiment with careers at an early age, but Marge Papp, owner of Sierra Graphics and Typography and SACWN subscriber can be counted among the lucky.

At age 12, while living in Riverside, her parents purchased an old varitype machine. Marge experimented and worked with the equipment so much that, in a matter of months, she was proficient enough to earn extra money typesetting on a part-time basis for the next eight years. "At twelve, I really had no intention of making a career of typesetting," she commented. As she became more involved in other pursuits, she drifted away from typesetting.

Upon graduating from high school, she moved from Riverside, to Mammoth, where she became a ski instructor. Marge loves the out doors so when ski season ended she worked for the Forest Service, building roads and fighting fires.

Since skiing, (along with golf, sailing, reading and traveling) is one of her passions, Marge attempted to make that her career. However, she found it was difficult to advance as a skiing instructor in such a male-dominated field. She stuck it out for seven years, hoping for changes, but her career was definitely not moving in the direction she would have liked. In 1978, while visiting her parents, Marge decided to settle here.

For a time she worked for a small company where there appeared to be many opportunities to advance. Her assignment was to teach clients how to operate varitype equipment which the company sold. This appeared to be a great opportunity, yet Marge was given no formal training on the equipment, and sometimes was placed in the uncomfortable situation of having her clients know more about the equipment than she did. She was given no help, direction, or support from other company personnel. Marge stayed with the company for nine months, learning everything she could, and then went to work for a small print shop. When the print shop began to fold and she was laid off, Marge decided the time was right to start her own business.

Although she had no money nor experience in starting a business, her parents offered to help. "My Dad taught me alot of what I know and he and mom were always very supportive of my efforts," she commented. With a loan from them and the use of a small utility room in their home, she began what has become Sierra Graphics and Typography. Marge started with a few clients she had developed from working in the print shop and added other clients that she scouted out on her own. Little by little, her clientele grew, her space needs grew, and Sierra Graphics became a true success!

It is not coincidence that Marge's business has expanded: She's bright, energetic, very astute and these qualities combined with her warm and captivating personality has assured her business success. Marge attributes much of her success to her parents. "Everything I know about the business, I have learned from my parents or I've taught myself," she said.

"Many times I have questioned why I continue to do what I do," she added, "but then, I look at the diversity of the jobs and the freedom I have from owning my own business, and I wouldn't have it any other way," she continued. "There are times when I do get a little stressed out with having to attend to the day-to-day functions of running a business, (bookkeeping, billing, etc.)," she continues. "But keeping my own hours and not having to sit behind a desk everyday, makes up for all of that." I love what I do."

SACWN Steering Committee

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BOOK BEAT

SUNDAY'S CHILD, what a superb book to be introduced to the works of such a sensitive and appealing author as Joyce Bright.

This book is an insightful and moving portrayal of two friends who fall in love, Kate Ashbourne and Angie Mandelli. Kate, who in her youth was a runner with world class potential, has decided to run in the Sacramento Marathon and has enlisted Angie Mandelli, her best friend and co-worker to help her train. Kate has begun to feel scared and bored; she feels the need to risk something since her life lacks focus. Kate "feels time and motivation slipping away". She enters the Sacramento Marathon to qualify for the Olympic trials. Neither woman dreams that their shared goal will open the door to a unique and endearing relationship. As they grow closer to one another and become stronger and clearer in their common goal, they realize that their friendship has taken on a new dimension.

Sunday's Child is not only the story of an awakening, but it is also a masterfully plotted suspense filled mystery. While Kate is expending her energies on training and concentrating on the Sacramento Marathon, Angie becomes increasingly obsessed with the rapist who is terrorizing the Sacramento Community. As their involvement with the marathon and each other deepens, their paths converge with the rapist.

Joyce Bright is one of my new discoveries in the world of Lesbian literature, and if you haven't discovered her yet, pick up a copy of **Sunday's Child** at your favorite bookstore and enjoy!

Lyda
Newsletter Writer

SACWN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

September 6 - Steering Committee Meeting
September 13 - Newsletter Committee Meeting
September 16 - Subscriber Meeting - Sierra Inn

OCTOBER

October 4 - Steering Committee Meeting
October 11 - Newsletter Committee Meeting
October 15 - Annual Meeting and Dance

NOVEMBER

November 1 - Steering Committee Meeting
November 9 - Newsletter Committee Meeting
November 20 - Holiday Party

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THE SILENT VOICE OF SHARON KOWALSKI

In many ways, they lived lives that echo our own. They shared good times, laughter and love. They bought a house that together they made into a home. They exchanged rings as a symbol of a bond beyond affection. Four years of happiness and a future of hopes stretching ahead... shattered in seconds on a fall afternoon five years ago.

On November 13, 1983 Sharon Kowalski suffered brain stem injuries when a drunk driver smashed into her car. Sharon emerged from a months-long coma unable to walk or talk. Sharon can sometimes utter a word or two, she can communicate by gestures and typing. What Sharon cannot do is receive visits from Karen Thompson, the woman with whom she shared laughter, a home and a ring.

Although initially allowed contact with Sharon, Karen Thompson has been denied any visitation rights since August 1985 by Sharon's parents. Embroiled the past 3 years in bitter legal actions before the Minnesota courts, Karen and the Kowalski's continue to battle over Sharon's guardianship, rehabilitation therapy, proper facilities for her care as well as Karen's right to visit Sharon. An attorney with experience in disability law has recently been appointed by the court as Sharon's "voice" in these legal struggles but Karen Thompson remains powerless to assist, see or even speak to the woman she planned a life with...

The anguish and anger rooted in Karen and Sharon's situation might easily have been avoided with a single legal document: a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. This Power of Attorney allows you to designate in advance someone whom you trust to make medical and related decisions for you when you cannot speak for yourself. This specialized DPA lets you name the person of your choice to serve as your legal "voice" with the right to be at your bedside if you are hospitalized. Too often too many of us fail to foresee or plan for events that might shape our future... such has been the fate of Karen and Sharon since 1983.

On August 7th of this year rallies were held all over the United States on the eve of Sharon's 32nd birthday in support of her cause. Karen Thompson fights on in courtrooms and lectures across the country in hope of a happy ending for herself, Sharon, and others facing similar situations. If you are interested in further information, you can write to : **Bay Area Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski, 1730 Arch, Berkeley, CA. 94709.** If you are sharing life, laughter and love with someone as Sharon and Karen once shared - you can avoid being "voiceless" in a medical emergency by signing a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care empowering a loved one that you select to stand by your side and speak on your behalf during a medical crisis.

Suzy Thomas
Editor



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

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